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NEVADA DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY TO ENGAGING IN CASH ADVANCE SCHEME

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that NICOLE JEAN SOLOMAN, age 21, of Reno, Nevada, entered a guilty plea to one count of engaging in a scheme and artifice to defraud National City Bank, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1344. The Indictment charged Solomon with attempting, on August 15, 2006, to obtain a cash advance from National City Bank using a debit card issued in Solomon's name which had insufficient cash credit to authorize a cash advance. In order to convince the bank to authorize the cash advance, despite the insufficient credit on her debit card, Solomon planned to place a telephone call to an accomplice who would fraudulently advise the bank that the defendant's credit card company authorized the requested advance. The Indictment further alleges that Solomon intended to share the proceeds of the cash advance with her accomplices and to leave the resulting debt on the debit card she used in the scheme unpaid, causing a financial loss to National City Bank. Employees of National City Bank alerted to the scheme before Solomon obtained an advance on her debit card. Agents with the United States Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force were called to the bank and Solomon was arrested.

The maximum potential penalties facing **Solomon** are 30 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of five years.

United states District Judge Jennifer Coffman scheduled **Solomon's** sentencing hearing for June 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jim Lesousky, and it was investigated by the United States Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force.